GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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EDUCATION IN MADARSAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the syllabus prescribed by the Government is not being taught in Madarsas and only Arabic and religious education is being imparted there;

(b) if so, whether it is fact that despite non-compliance of orders regarding syllabus these Madarsas are being provided grants by some State Governments;

(c) if so, whether the Government considers it necessary that Madarsas must be affiliated to education department of State Madarsas Boards and the education should be imparted to boys and girls as per the syllabus prescribed by the Government;

(d) if so, the action likely to be taken against the Madarsas which are not affiliated to education department or State Madarsas Boards and also not giving education according to the syllabus prescribed by the Government along with the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) The Central Government does not prescribe syllabi for Madarsas.

(b to d) Madarsas are traditional Islamic educational institutions. The Central Government operates a schemefor the modernization of Madrasa education on the recommendation of the State Governments, it only provides for the salaries of a maximum of two teachers per madrasa for teaching modern subjects like Social Studies, English, Mathematics, Hindi etc.Some funds are also provided for book banks and science and maths kits. The Modernization of madrasa programme was launched on the basis of the suggestions contained in the programms of Action (1992) (POA) ofthe National Policy on Education. The POA specifies that the programmeis to be adopted by the concerned institution 'purely on voluntary basis'.

Some Madarsas are affiliated to the concerned State Madrasa Boards but affiliation is not compulsory. No record is centrally maintained of their number in the Central Government.